

WAYS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

- ✦ Join us for a cup of coffee in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ✦ Pick up a copy of *The UPBeat*, our monthly newsletter, from the table in the narthex.
- ✦ Call the church office at 715-392-4751.
- ✦  Follow us on Facebook.

HELPFUL TO KNOW

- ✦ We have large print bulletins.
- ✦ We have hearing assistance devices.
- ✦ There are children's activity sheets available in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. Prayer Request cards are located in the pew slots in each row and on the table by the main entrance. Cards will be asked for and collected during worship service or may be placed in the offering plate.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
Jan Letsos at 715-394-6009
or
Dean Hecht at 715-398-6532.

PASTOR

Reverend Charlotte Frantz

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

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10:00 a.m.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Alex Sandor

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*INTROIT

Spirit of God, Descend

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart,
Wean it from earth; through all it's pulses move.
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.
(#688)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)

One: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

All: With a heart full of joy I came to be among the faithful.

One: In this holy place we gather in God's presence.

All: Let us pray and give thanks.

*HYMN *Open Now the Gates of Beauty* #403

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We come into God's presence with good intentions. All too often we are distracted by our fears and our worries, our likes and our dislikes. Let us offer all that we bring to God.

All: Merciful and loving God, you know the condition of our hearts, minds and spirits. Even as we gather to praise you, our attention wanders. We worry about things over which we have no control. We offer you our fretting and fussing, as well as our anxieties.

Forgive us and redirect us to the mercy and grace of your presence in and around us. Amen.

INTERFAITH PRIDE SERVICE

Next weekend is Pride weekend in the Twin Ports. A full listing of events can be found at www.dspride.com. This year's interfaith worship will be Friday evening, August 31, at Temple Israel, 1602 E. 2nd Street, Duluth.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 8/26

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 Congregational Meeting

MONDAY 8/27

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

4:45 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting

TUESDAY 8/28

1:00 p.m. UPBeat Deadline for September Issue

Happy Birthday – Eric Rudge

WEDNESDAY 8/29

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

Happy Birthday – Anna Downs

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. CSA Pick-up

THURSDAY 8/30

1:30 p.m. Quilting Group

Happy Birthday – Abram Pauna
Tylor Willoughby

FRIDAY 8/31

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

UPBeat Mailing

SATURDAY 9/1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a brief congregational meeting immediately following today's worship for the purpose of electing a deacon to fulfill Rhoda Nielsen's term.

MEETING THIS WEEK

Quilting Group Thursday, August 30 at 1:30 p.m.

UPBEAT

The deadline for the September issue of the UPBeat is on Tuesday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m. Please submit all items for the newsletter to the church office in writing or by email. The mailing date for the UPBeat is Friday, August 31.

MEMORIES

Do you have a 20th anniversary memory to share? A story from the annals of our congregation's history? A reflection about what UPC has meant to you? David Waite would love to hear from you! He's compiling memories and reflections to be shared during UPC's anniversary celebration October 6th and 7th. Please submit your comments in writing to him no later than September 9th, and sooner is even better! Give your submission to him in person, mail them, drop them in the church office with his name attached, or email to waitedavid@aol.com. Maximum length, 300 words.

BIBLE STUDY

UPC is offering a monthly Bible study for adults, God's Promise: I am With You. Groups will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September-May. Jan Letsos is facilitating a group at 9:00 a.m. and Mary Voss is facilitating a group at 6:30 p.m. Come to either group—even if your travel plans mean missing some months, come when you can!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We will not wander beyond God's presence. God is here. God is also wherever our hearts and minds and spirits roam. Where there is brokenness, God is. Where there is pain, God is. Where there is fear, God is there, also.

All: Thanks be to God. Though Jesus Christ, our Lord, God's love and forgiveness surrounds us and embraces us. The peace of Christ is with us.

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

You are invited to share the blessing of Christ's peace with those near you by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."

***HYMN** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #435

READING FROM THE PSALTER from Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

One: My heart sings for joy to the living God.

All: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself at your altars, O Lord of hosts.

One: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

All: A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

One: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Prayer cards may be given to usher to be brought forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 8, selected verses

Fran Brice

***SPECIAL MUSIC** Jane Wester and Sandy LeMieux

SERMON Rev. Charlotte Frantz

***HYMN** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord #310

OFFERING

MOMENT FOR MISSION PW National Gathering

OFFERTORY

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

A grateful heart is what I bring,
A song of praise, my offering,
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you,
In you, O God, I will rejoice. (#652)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: Let us honor God in the giving of these gifts.
All: Bless these gifts, O God, that they may be used
to enhance the work of this congregation. Let this
be known as a community where your Spirit is
present in word and deed. Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS TO BE SHARED

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy
name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and
the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT OUR LIFE TOGETHER

***CLOSING HYMN** Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise #12

***BENEDICTION**

One: As you leave this place, may the living Lord Jesus go
with you.

All: **May the Lord Jesus go behind you to encourage
you,
Beside you to befriend you
Above you to watch over you
Beneath you to lift you from your sorrow,
Within you to give you the gifts of peace, hope
and joy,**

One: And always, may the living Lord Jesus go before you to
show you the way.

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

